

Public Notice: Request For Comments



Notice of Intent to Approve Plan for Closure of Hazardous Waste Units at the INL [Docket # 10HW-0706]

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What is the purpose of this notice? An owner/operator proposing to close hazardous waste management units, subject to Idaho's Hazardous Waste Laws, must develop a plan for closure that meets specific requirements. Prior to approving such a plan, you (the public) and the applicant are given an opportunity to comment regarding the plan. The proposed plan provides procedures intended to close waste tanks, decontaminate piping and the associated waste. The plan is hereby proposed for approval.

Describe the units being closed:

The Building CPP 640 Headend Storage Tank System received decontamination fluids from the Headend Processing Plant. The system consists of three 500 gallon tanks and associated equipment. VES-HW-100 received "hot" (radioactive) corrosive wastewater, VES-HW-101 received "warm" (less radioactive) corrosive waste, and VES-HW-102 received non-radioactive wastes. Tanks VES-HW-100 and VES-HW-101 will be decontaminated with the decontamination liquids discharged to the INTEC Liquid Waste Management System. The facility has shown that VES-HW-102 does not contain hazardous constituents unless there is sludge present. If sludge is present, the facility will characterize and manage the sludge appropriately.

What closure conditions are affected?

The Partial (less than the entire INL) Closure Plan is open for review and comment.

Where can I get more information?

In person: A copy of the draft Closure Plan may be reviewed at the Idaho DEQ State Office, located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho. The draft Closure Plan is also available for review at DEQ's Regional Office in Idaho Falls, located at 900 North Skyline, Suite B, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Online: A copy of the fact sheet is available on-line via the DEQ Web Site (<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/>).

By Phone: Call Ms. Jennifer Shafer at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added to or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho, and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are written comments due?

5 p.m. September 21, 2007. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Ms. Jennifer Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 1410 North Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who will be responsible for implementing this plan? The Department of Energy (DOE).

Who is the issuing office? Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706.

What are DEQ's responsibilities?

The Idaho DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits and plans for certain activities.

What legal requirements

apply? Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on a draft plan for closure.

What happens next? DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for hearing and either announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the proposed plan, or approve the plan as proposed.